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News Highlights

2nd Technology Transfer Symposium a Success

The Second International Transportation Technology Transfer Symposium took place in St. Petersburg, Florida, between 31 July and 3 August 2006.

The objective of the program was to create a forum for worldwide technology transfer professionals to learn, share and build upon innovative, efficient and sustainable transportation technology transfer methods with a focus on particular technology transfer techniques and workforce development programmes.

More than 350 transportation professionals representing leading US transportation organizations and 18 foreign countries participated. The program included three key plenary sessions and more than 40 concurrent sessions and organisation meetings within the five theme tracks of Communications, Program Effectiveness, Research and Development, Training, and Workforce Development.

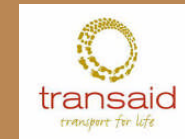
In addition, a number of day-long events were conducted on-site during the weekend before the Symposium, including LTAP 101, an orientation to the Local and Tribal Technical Assistance Program, and the Road Safety Workshop, a workshop focusing on the new technologies, approaches, and legislative initiatives to transfer road safety technologies to state and local governments.

A highlight of the program was the participation of the Iraqi Minister of Construction and Housing, Ms. Beyan Ismail Dezai Mohammed, who is also responsible for the Iraq highway program.

For more information on the programme and plenary sessions, please click here:

<http://www.t2symposium.org/Program.htm>

Transaid – Concept Paper on Driver Vocational Training in the SADC region



Transaid have recently published a concept paper on Driver Vocational Training in the SADC region as part of the "Portcullis Initiative" that aims to improve standards of commercial vehicle operation in Africa.

Further details of this initiative can be found in this concept paper below.

<http://www.transaid.org/images/resources/SADC%20Driver%20Training%20Concept%20Paper%20Aug%2006.pdf>

As part of this consultation process a project manager, Gary Forster, will be in Malawi and Zambia undertaking an analysis of stakeholder needs. Gary is keen to meet with local businesses to hear about their views on the transport skills needs for business, or learn about their own transport management/operational good practice. If you would like to arrange this, please contact Transaid on info@transaid.org



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Corruption in the News

Corruption in the transport sector is in the news again. In China, both the ministries of railways and personnel are alleged to have misused and misappropriated budgetary funds. The Ministry of Railways was discovered to have illegally held 1.72 billion Yuan (US\$208 million) in 2003 in violation of China's Budget Law.

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/english/doc/2004-11/19/content_392817.htm

DFID's £100 million new Governance and Transparency Fund

A consultation process is currently underway on draft guidelines for the £100 million new Governance and Transparency Fund, which was announced as a key element of the new UK White Paper on International Development, 'eliminating world poverty: making governance work for the poor'.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/wp2006/default.asp>

The new fund is aimed at media groups, civil society and others can play their part in improving governance, and helping poor people to hold their governments to account. Draft guidelines on the fund can be found here:

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/consultations/gtf-guidelines.pdf> and here:

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/consultations/default.asp#Governance>

Motorway Collapse Kills Five in Montreal

A motorway overpass has collapsed in northern Montreal, Canada, killing five motorists, only hours after a local official had declared the structure safe. The Lavan highway collapsed onto Highway 19 on the afternoon of Saturday 30 September.

[http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2006-10-](http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2006-10-01T181714Z_01_N01303679_RTRUKOC_0_US-OVERPASS-COLLAPSE.xml&WTmodLoc=NewsHome-C1-topNews-7)

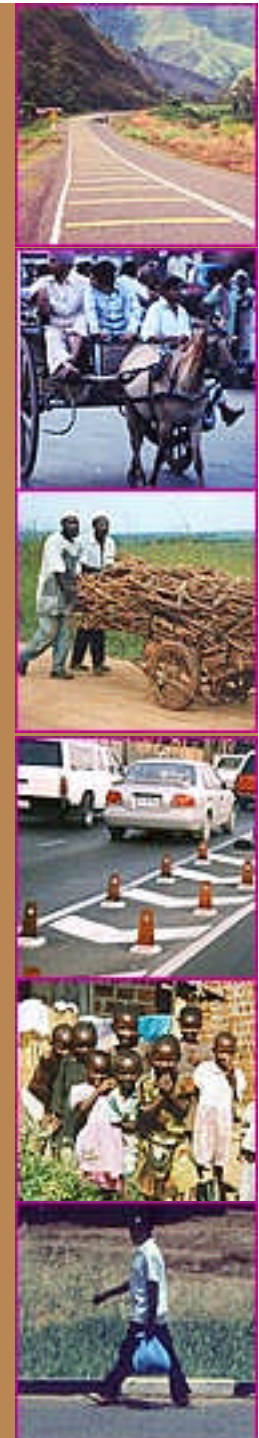
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The Mondialogo Engineering Award

The Mondialogo Partnership, initiated by DaimlerChrysler and UNESCO to promote intercultural dialogue among young people around the world, is inviting student engineers, in developing and developed countries, to enter its second annual engineering award competition. Students are invited to form teams and to develop ideas and solutions in the form of project proposals that demonstrate excellence in design and cooperation in the application of engineering to address the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

In its first round (2004/2005), 1,700 student engineers from 79 countries worked in over 100 teams to create project proposals designed to address basic needs in developing countries. In May 2005 twenty-one winning teams were invited to Berlin to a symposium and the presentation of a total of €300,000 in awards.

For more information, please visit the Mondialogo internet portal at www.mondialogo.org or send an email to award@mondialogo.org



Website Highlights

Gender and Transport presentations available

The focus of is on bridging the divide between development goals, research and policy in developing countries. It was hosted by the South African Department of Transport and The South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) in partnership with the Gender and Development Unit of the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC).

All presentations from the work shop can be downloaded via the gTKP portal.

<http://www.gtkp.com/Events/eventDetails.aspx?eventId=88>

Young Drivers: The Road to Safety

The OECD and ECMT have just released their report: Young Drivers: The Road to Safety.

This report is the result of two years of work by a group of expert researchers in the field of traffic safety from many OECD and ECMT Countries.

The purpose of this report is to identify the key elements of young driver risk, the factors behind it, and countermeasures that address it. The report provides concrete policy advice that will assist governments and other actors in taking steps to reduce young driver risk and the associated human and economic costs. For more information on this report and details of how to obtain it click here:

<http://www.ecmt.org/JTRC/WorkingGroups/YoungDrivers/index.htm>

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Scenarios for Future Scientific and Technological Developments in Developing Countries – SCOPE 2015.

This document is the final report of the European Commission (EC) funded project *Scenarios of future science and technology developments in developing countries*, also known as “SCOPE 2015”.

The project’s results are focused upon the research, technological development and innovation (RTDI) partnerships in four regions: the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS); Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA); Maghreb and Mashreq (MEDA); and Latin America (LA).

The report can be downloaded via the gTKP portal here:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/foresight/11/prospective_studies_en.html



Second International Road Safety Conference

Dubai, UAE. 6 - 7 November 2006

This multidisciplinary event will be hosted by Dubai’s Road and Transport Authority and will focus on innovations in road safety technology, infrastructure and traffic management systems and road user behaviour.

<http://www.gtkp.com/Events/eventDetails.aspx?eventId=103>



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Africa T2 2007

Mangochi, Malawi. 22 – 25 May 2007

The Africa Technology Transfer conferences, previously held in Tanzania (2001) and South Africa (2005), are designed to help promote the sharing of best practice by African practitioners and those from outside Africa who understand the continents pressing issues.

The theme for the 2007 conference is “Technology Transfer for Africa’s Sustainable Transport Systems”. The key issues to be addressed are management of road networks, sustainable rural accessibility, road design standards, appropriate management systems, road safety, accelerating skills transfer, dissemination of R&D outputs and promoting gender equality through technology transfer.

<http://www.gtkp.com/Events/eventDetails.aspx?eventid=139>

4th African Road Safety Congress

Accra Ghana, 5 - 7 February 2007.

The congress will involve high level representatives of African governments, civil society, the private sector and international organizations and funders.

<http://www.gtkp.com/Events/eventDetails.aspx?eventid=140>

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